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AMENDMENT

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The following Amendment is submitted in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR §1.21) dated April 3, 2001.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method for automatic control of the transmission of an E-mail,

wherein a plurality of agent parameters controlling the behavior of an agent delivering an E-mail are appended to the main mail text having an appended mail header, the agent parameters are responsive to a send command designating the transmission of the E-mail for transmission to a recipient;

wherein the agent parameters are modified responsive to the contents of experiences reflecting the operating hysteresis for the agent; and further

wherein an E-mail of a pre-set illustrative sentence is sent by said agent to [the recipient] a user of the agent based on said agent parameters.

2. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein a control procedure is performed so that an illustrative sentence of an E-mail for transmission is randomly selected from a plurality of illustrative sentences classed and pre-set

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